



Gala
Durham

SUMMER

2024

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Macbeth

Main Auditorium

Thursday 2 May, 7pm | £15
(£13 concession), £10 Gala Members

Tony and BAFTA Award winner Ralph Fiennes (*Antony & Cleopatra*, *Schindler's List*, *Coriolanus*) and Olivier Award winner Indira Varma (*Present Laughter*, *Game of Thrones*, *Luther*) star in a brand-new 'full-voltage visceral' (★★★★ *Daily Telegraph*) production of William Shakespeare's *Macbeth*. Filmed live at Dock X, a custom-built theatre space in London, this critically acclaimed staging of *Macbeth* 'that quickens the pulse, then goes for the jugular' (★★★★ *Financial Times*) will be unmissable on the big screen.

Macbeth is coming. A couple corrupted by their relentless lust for power have blood on their hands. Witness the gripping tale of greed, murder, deception, and superstition in cinemas for a limited time only. Once you cross the line, you can never turn back.



The Comedy Store

Main Auditorium

Sunday 5 May & Sunday 2 June,
7.30pm | £12 (£10 concession),
£9 students and Gala Members

With over 35 years' experience in the business and as the premiere name in comedy, The Comedy Store is renowned as a breeding ground for new talent, and remains the place to see stars of the future. The likes of Eddie Izzard, John Bishop, Jimmy Carr, Rhod Gilbert and Sarah Millican have all cut their teeth with us.

The line-up is top secret and we only find out a couple of weeks beforehand, so be sure to like **The Comedy Store Durham** on Facebook to find out first.

Restricted age: 18+ (this show contains strong language)

Nye

Presented by NT Live

Main Auditorium

Wednesday 8 May, 7pm | £15
(£13 concession), £10 Gala Members

Michael Sheen plays Nye Bevan in a surreal and spectacular journey through the life and legacy of the man who transformed Britain's welfare state and created the NHS. Confronted with death, Aneurin 'Nye' Bevan's deepest memories lead him on a mind-bending journey back through his life; from childhood to mining underground, Parliament and fights with Churchill.

Written by Tim Price and directed by Rufus Norris (*Small Island*), this screening of the epic new Welsh fantasia will be broadcast live from the National Theatre.



The Pitmen Poets

Main Auditorium

Thursday 9 May, 7.30pm | £26.50

From *Billy Elliot* to *Auf Wiedersehen Pet*. From *When The Boat Comes In* to *The Likely Lads*.

Now be enthralled and entertained by The Pitmen Poets.

A night of songs and stories laced with North East humour and humanity with Lindisfarne singer and songwriter Billy Mitchell, *War Horse* Songman Bob Fox, Master of Tyneside song Benny Graham and award-winning songwriter Jez Lowe.

Chris McCausland: Yonks!

Main Auditorium

Friday 17 & Saturday 18 May, 8pm |
SOLD OUT

You might have seen him on *Scared of the Dark*, *Would I Lie to You?*, *Have I Got News for You*, *QI*, *Blankety Blank*, *The Last Leg* and tons more as well.

He's been called an "overnight success" - even though he's been doing this for bloody yonks!

Chris McCausland returns to Gala Durham with another masterclass in stand-up comedy that has literally been yonks in the making!

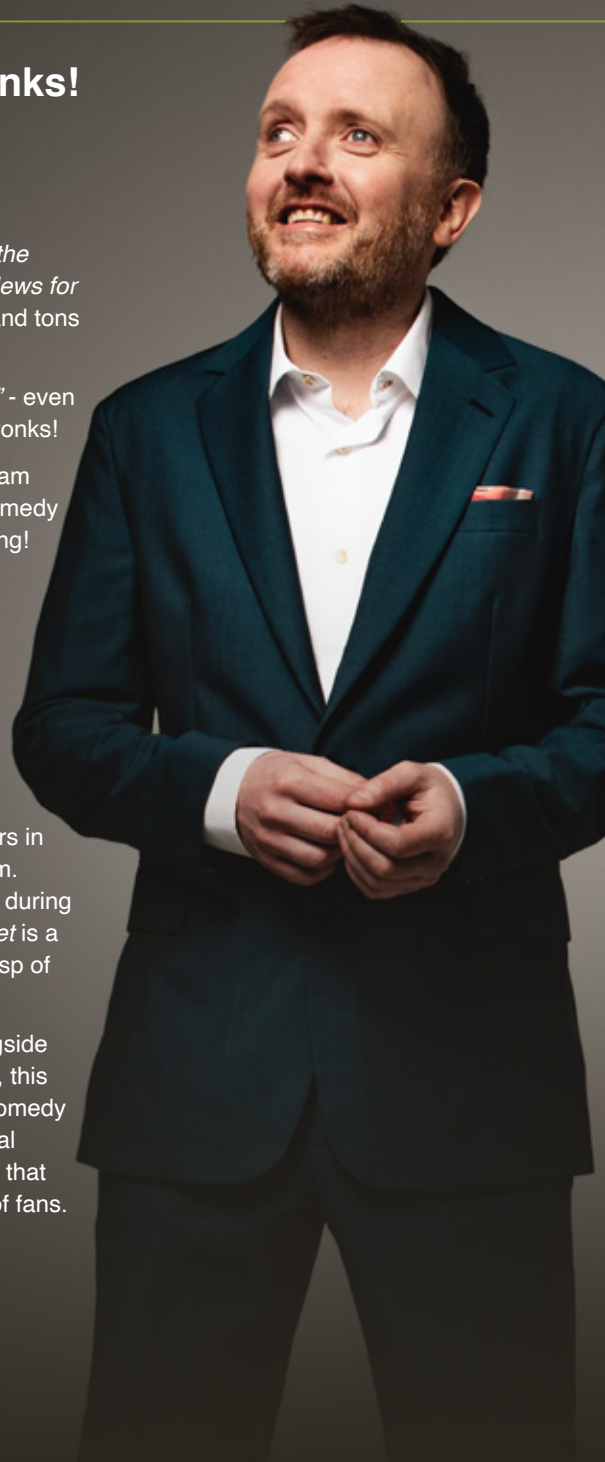
Billy Connolly: Big Banana Feet

Screen One

Thursday 16 May, 8pm | £10
(£8 Gala Members)

Billy Connolly is at the peak of his powers in this rediscovered and newly restored film. Capturing 'The Big Yin' on and off stage during his 1975 tour of Ireland, *Big Banana Feet* is a captivating record of Connolly on the cusp of international stardom.

Featuring iconic stand-up material alongside fascinating behind-the-scenes glimpses, this previously elusive milestone of British comedy is now newly restored in 2K (from original 16mm materials), reaffirming the genius that has endeared Connolly to generations of fans.



Gala Lunchtime Concert Series

Studio | All concerts are 1pm - 2pm | £8

Emma Fisk and the Hot Club du Nord

Friday 24 May

Emma Fisk's Hot Club du Nord bring to life the classic 1930s and 40s repertoire of Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli's Hot Club de France. The band encompasses a wealth of experience, knowledge and love of the hot club-gypsy jazz style, and their musically sparkling performances, engaging manner and infectious joy in the music have made them a treat for connoisseurs of swinging, string jazz and lovers of all things vintage!



Joe Steels' Borealis

Friday 21 June

Channelling the wild beauty of the Northern countryside, Borealis play original compositions penned during the lockdown by guitarist Joe Steels, based on his experience living in Cumbria and Northumberland. Alongside Steels (a recent graduate from Royal Birmingham Conservatoire), Borealis brings together musicians from across the North to perform music that fuses elements of folk, rock and contemporary jazz.



Paul Edis

Friday 23 August

One of the leading creative musicians in the UK today, Paul Edis has built a reputation for consistently delivering new and original ideas, seeking to innovate within his work whilst always paying respect to both the Jazz and Classical music traditions. Paul has released several critically acclaimed recordings of new music in recent years and has performed alongside other leading jazz names including Jon Faddis, Alan Barnes, Bruce Adams and more.



PRIDE

Gala Durham is proud to support Durham Pride with a series of LGBTQIA+ events taking place at our venue.



Queer Diary

Studio

Friday 24 May, 7.30pm | Pay what you can

The night where LGBTQ+ adults read aloud from their REAL teenage diaries, poetry, fanfiction and more! A handful of brave queer folk take to the mic to re-tell tales from their formative years in the name of nostalgia, solidarity, celebration.

Join us for an evening of earnest journal entries, long-lost love letters, fabulous fan-fiction stories, terrible Tumblr posts (and possibly the odd bit of cringey poetry), all revealed in the name of nostalgia, solidarity and fun! At *Queer Diary* the misfits, goths, punks, emos, nerds, glee-clubbers (and maybe a few former-popular-kids?) come together as grown-ups, to share our younger selves' innermost thoughts. We can't promise to reunite you with your first crush, but we do aim to reignite that rush of adrenaline you got when they first noticed you...

"If a Queer Diary event was scheduled on the Moon, the most anti-capitalist queers would be befriending Bezos in hopes of securing a rocket ride." **DIVA Magazine**

FLUX

Studio

Saturday 25 May, 2.30pm | Free

12 unique young voices come together on film, to explore what it means to question your identity in a world that feels determined to put you in a box. Devised and performed by the young people living through this reality right now, join them in discovering that there is freedom in the flux - and that labels are for bottles, not people.

Binary breakers, stereotype smashers, convention clingers, people pleasers, distracted dreamers, ally activists, hopeful homebodies, evolving explorers, GOAT gamers, fashionable friends, Tik-Toking trendsetters, simping stans, radical rebels, the woke and the weird.

Comedy Club 4 Kids

Studio

Wednesday 29 May, 2pm | £10

Like the name says it's a Comedy Club 4 Kids!

Cracking entertainment for everyone over six years old and under 400 years old (no vampires). We have the best comedians from the UK and world circuit doing what they do best... but without the rude bits!

Recommended age: 6+

'A highlight for children... giving them a taste of some of the biggest names in comedy with the fun, rowdy feel of a real comedy club.' **The Guardian**

The Three Bears

Presented by Kitchen Zoo

Studio

Thursday 30 & Friday 31 May, 11am & 2pm | £8 (£30 family ticket min. one under 16s)

Deep in the forest live Mammy, Daddy and Baby Bear. Each day the *Three Bears* head into the woods to collect interesting things to re-use in their home.

Soon their cosy house is turned upside down by a colourful whirlwind that threatens to sit in their chairs, eat their porridge and sleep in their beds. It's Goldilocks!

Bring your bears for an adventure in the woods, with original music, puppets and a tale you thought you knew.

Every show is relaxed so join us for this friendly and fun theatre experience for children aged 6 and under and their grown-ups.



YARNS FROM HYEM

Yarns From Hyem

Presented by Hooley Theatre in partnership with Gala Durham

Main Auditorium

Friday 31 May, 7.30pm | £10

A top team of regional actors, directors and producers bring to life four hilarious and heart-warming short North East plays from acclaimed and emerging local writers.

Supported by Arts Council England, *Yarns from Hyem* takes you through the highs and lows of love, loss and hope, making you laugh and cry in a production that champions North East talent...

Age restriction: 15+ (some plays contain explicit language, themes/references to death, suicide and grief)

Horrible Histories: Rotten Royals

Main Auditorium

**Friday 7 June, 1.30pm & 5pm & Saturday 8 June, 11am & 2pm | £16.50
(£14.50 concession), £10 schools on Friday 7 June, 1.30pm performance**

We all want to meet people from history. The trouble is everyone is dead!

So *Horrible Histories* is back in with revolting rulers and mad monarchs from Britain's barmy past!

Would you be wooed by Richard the Lionheart? Are you ready for a date with King Edward I? Would you be shaken or stirred by Richard III? See Mary Tudor knock the spots off Mary Queen of Scots! Can evil Elizabeth entertain England? Will you be hanged by King James for being a witch?

Sing along with crazy King Charles and move to the groove with party Queen Victoria! Boasting the funniest and most outrageous regal scenes from the hit *Barmy Britain* shows, *Rotten Royals* promises Durham will be most amused!

It's history with the nasty bits left in!



Romeo a Juliet

Presented by Ballet Cymru

Main Auditorium

Wednesday 19 June, 7.30pm | £18 (£16 concession)

From forth the fatal loins of these two foes. A pair of star-crossed lovers take their life.

Critics' Circle Award winning company, Ballet Cymru, present an extraordinary adaptation of Shakespeare's masterpiece *Romeo a Juliet*.

Intense fighting, passionate duets and universal themes echo through dramatic and lyrical choreography. Exquisite costumes and extraordinary video projections create a world of danger and excitement where two young lovers are caught in an age-old feud.

Winner of Best Large Scale Dance Production at the Wales Theatre Awards, *Romeo a Juliet* features choreography from company Directors Darius James OBE and Amy Doughty, and costumes by Georg Meyer-Wiel who has created costumes for some of the world's leading companies including Rambert Dance Company and Australian Dance Theatre.

But soft, what light through yonder window breaks? It is the east, and Juliet is the sun.



Carl Hutchinson: That's The Show

Screen One

Saturday 22 June, 8pm | £10

What is a stand-up comedian? What does it take to carve out a life for yourself doing what you love? What do you need to get up on that stage night after night and just keep going?

It's one of the most joyful, taxing, exhilarating and soul-destroying jobs in existence. When your job is to entertain, you're never not putting on a show and you're always chasing that elusive laugh.

So, join us on a journey into stand-up as we examine the mind-bending world of Carl Hutchinson in this documentary screening featuring contributions from Chris Ramsey and Anth Young, with a post-screening Q&A with Carl.

Age restriction: 15



A GALA DURHAM PRODUCTION

FROM THE PRODUCERS OF

ALICE IN WONDERLAND AND CINDERELLA

PETER PAN



BY J.M. BARRIE
ADAPTED BY LAURA TURNER



A Gala Durham Production
from the producers of *Alice In Wonderland* and *Cinderella*

Peter Pan & Wendy

By J.M. Barrie
Adapted by Laura Turner
Original music by Joshua Tarrier
Lyrics by Laura Turner
Directed by Rachel Glover

Main Auditorium

£20 (£18 concession), £70 family ticket (min. one under 16)

Wendy is 13 and fed up of EVERYTHING.

All she wants is an adventure, so when she finds herself lost in a magical enchanted forest, and meets a magical boy called Peter and a beautiful fairy called Tinker Bell, she is so excited. Together a real adventure begins, with pirates and the dastardly Captain Hook after them - but Wendy soon realises that what's really important might be waiting back at home...

From the producers of *Alice In Wonderland* and *Cinderella*, come fly with us in Gala Durham's twist inspired by J.M. Barrie's classic tale.

Recommended age: 5+

"Peter Pan & Wendy" is presented by arrangement with Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity and Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd.
www.concordtheatricals.co.uk

Tuesday 16 July, 10am
Wednesday 17 July, 10am & 1.30pm (relaxed)
Thursday 18 July, 10am
Friday 19 July, 6.30pm
Saturday 20 July, 2pm & 6.30pm
Tuesday 23 July, 2pm
Wednesday 24 July, 2pm
Thursday 25 July, 2pm
Friday 26 July, 2pm & 6.30pm (BSL & Captioned)
Saturday 27 July, 2pm & 6.30pm

Durham The Brass

5-13 July 2024

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The Cory Band

Main Auditorium

Sunday 7 July, 2pm | £22.50 (£15 under 14s)

In this special concert, The Cory Band, one of the world's most successful and well known brass bands, play a wide ranging dynamic set which includes their own musical telling of the Hollywood classic 1933 monster film *King Kong*.

Join the band on a spectacular journey of immersive live music and dazzling multimedia entertainment in this musical tale of legend, heroism and adventure.



Coming soon...

Beauty and the Beast

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A Gala Durham Production

From the team who brought you *Cinderella*

Main Auditorium

Thursday 21 November to Tuesday 31 December | Tickets from £10

In a small village in Durham lives Belle renowned for her brains and beauty far and wide.

In Pity Me lies an abandoned castle, a magical place inhabited by weird talking inanimate objects and a terrifying beast!

Will Belle solve the mystery of Pity Me Castle and escape the evil Gourmand?

Come along and enjoy this roaringly beautiful show!

Carl Hutchinson:
Today Years Old

Friday 6 & Saturday 7 September,
7.30pm | £17.50

Fern Brady:
I Gave You Milk To Drink
Friday 13 September, 8pm | £22

Nish Kumar:
Nish, Don't Kill My Vibe
Friday 20 September, 7.30pm | £22.50
(£20 concession)

An Audience with Kevin Keegan
Tuesday 24 September, 7.30pm | £37.50
(£85 VIP)

Jason Byrne: No Show
Thursday 3 October, 7.30pm | £26.50

The Tiger Lillies
Saturday 5 October, 8pm | £25

Jenny Éclair:
Jokes, Jokes, Jokes, Live!
Saturday 26 October, 8pm | £25

The Tiger Who Came To Tea
Monday 28 to Wednesday 30 October |
£14 (£50 family ticket min. two under 16s)

Giovanni Pernice:
The Last Dance

Wednesday 9 & Thursday 10 April 2025,
7.30pm | £45 (£107 VIP)

Gala Durham is proud to work with local companies and this Summer, we welcome the following productions.

Best Foot Forward

Presented by Tin Arts

Sunday 12 May, 7pm | £10 (£8 concession)

A vibrant programme of dance work created and performed by artists with a learning disability or who are autistic from across the North of England.

The Durham Revue: All Stars

Saturday 25 May, 8pm | £11 (£9 concession)

Get ready for a comedy sketch-tacular as, for one night only, Durham University's award winning sketch comedy troupe reunites with past members to perform their greatest hits.

Pictures at an Exhibition

Presented by Durham University Palatinate Orchestra

Thursday 6 June, 7.30pm | £16 (£10 concession), £9 Durham Student Music Members

Durham University Palatinate Orchestra (DUPO) present their final concert of the academic year playing a range of contemporary and early 20th century pieces from across Europe.

Raise the Roof

Presented by Helen West Dance School

Saturday 22 June, 2pm & 7pm | £18

Grease

Presented by MTS Durham

Wednesday 26 to Saturday 29 June, 7.30pm (+2.30pm Saturday) | £20 (£18 concession)

Since its electric Broadway and West End debut in the early 1970s, *Grease* has remained one of the world's most popular and enduring musicals, and *Grease* is definitely the word this Summer with MTS Durham bringing such the iconic musical to Durham.

Gala Youth Theatre

Gala Youth Theatre provides young people aged four to 18 with a wide range of opportunities to improve confidence, develop performance and creative skills, and make new friends.

Working in a supportive group led by brilliant theatre practitioners, participants will learn about the process of theatre making whilst having fun.

For our Summer term, weekly drama sessions will run on Saturday mornings and Wednesday evenings from week commencing 22 April until the week commencing 1 July (excluding week commencing 27 May for half term).

There will also be performance opportunities, visits from theatre specialists and trips to see shows throughout the term. Workshops are available in four age groups as follows:

4 to 7 years	Saturdays	10am - 11am
8 to 11 years	Saturdays	11.15am - 12.45pm
12 to 14 years	Wednesdays	4.15pm - 5.45pm
15 to 18 years	Wednesdays	6pm - 7.30pm

Sessions can be booked individually at £7.

Book online at galadurham.co.uk or by calling our Box Office on 03000 266 600.



Gala Cinema

Join us for a mix of blockbusters, independent film, one-off special screenings and events in our two-screen cinema. Prices start from just £5 and you can save more money with our five tickets (minimum two under 16s) for £20 ticket offer (excludes live screenings and special events). You can even pick-up a large popcorn and large drink of your choice for an extra fiver!

We also accept the Meerkat Movies 2-for-1 offer.

Accessible Cinema

We want to make our cinema as accessible as possible for all audiences and we therefore have audio descriptions and subtitled screenings. Audio description headsets will be offered on every film screening for those who are visually impaired and our subtitled screenings are marked on our website, with 'Subtitled' appearing next to the appropriate screening on our film webpages and cinema diary.

Bringing In Baby

For parents and guardians with babies under 1, our Bringing In Baby screenings enables you to see the latest films in a baby-friendly environment, without the worry of disturbing others. Screenings have unallocated seating and reduced capacity so you can move around and sit where suits, with lights slightly raised and volume lowered. Tickets also include a 10% discount off food and drink purchases at Gala Lounge.

Gala Seniors

Our Gala Seniors afternoon screenings are for audiences age 60 and over. Included in our £5 ticket price is a cup of tea and biscuit and an additional 10% off food and drink purchases at Gala Lounge.

For screening times, visit galadurham.co.uk

Visitor Information

OPENING TIMES

Monday 10am to 5pm, Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 8.30pm, Sunday 2.30pm to 8.30pm. We are closed on bank holidays (unless there is a performance).

BOOKING

Online 24 hours a day at: www.galadurham.co.uk

In person at Gala Durham during the above times.

Phone 03000 266 600. £2 per transaction fee applies for online and phone bookings.

Reservations are held for 3 days. Group bookings of 10+ must be paid two months before the show. Gala Durham operates a single seat policy.

TICKET EXCHANGES / REFUNDS

Tickets may be exchanged for another performance (for a fee of £1 per ticket) up to 48 hours before a performance or screening if you are no longer able to attend and your booking is not greater than ten tickets. Unless an event is cancelled, all tickets are non-refundable. By purchasing our tickets, you agree that that these can't be resold for profit through any means. This will result in tickets being declared void.

GIFT VOUCHERS We sell our own gift vouchers, available in any value, online or at our Box Office which are redeemable on any of our screenings or live performances.

CONCESSIONS are available for selected events - please check at time of booking, and proof may be required upon ticket collection. Only one concession applies.

LATECOMERS will be admitted at the discretion of the Managers, to minimise inconvenience to others.

ACCESSIBILITY

Gala Durham has lifts to all levels and accessible toilets located throughout.

Our Main Auditorium and both cinemas have wheelchair spaces available. If using a wheelchair, please advise the Box Office when booking to ensure your seats/spaces are allocated accordingly.

We request that our wheelchair-using patrons attend with an able-bodied companion whose ticket is free of charge.

Guide Dogs are welcome in all parts of the theatre.

To make an accessible seat booking or for any access enquiries, please contact 03000 266 600

We operate the Sennheiser infrared amplification system in our Main Auditorium.

Headsets for the hard of hearing are available at Box Office.

FAMILY FRIENDLY Gala Durham aspires to make all of our customers welcome, no matter how small and we really hope that our younger visitors become regulars at our theatre and cinema. In consideration of our audience and performers, we just ask that those under the age of 3 are only admitted to shows aimed at the very young. For those under one year old, babes-in-arms tickets are available for selected shows. Our café staff are trained to be aware of the needs of breast-feeding mothers, and we also have baby changing facilities on all levels.

SMOKING is not permitted anywhere within Gala Durham.

TRAVEL There is parking on-site at Walkergate (DH1 1SQ), which is easily reached via the slip road under Milburngate Bridge or via Freeman Place. An evening tariff is available. Prince Bishops car park (DH1 3UJ) is also nearby. A list of all bus routes can be found on our website.

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Diary

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July

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August

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